

CLUB'S CASHIER AND FUNDS GONE

Harmonie Society Suffers by Default That May Reach \$30,000, and the Committee Informs Members.

AMOUNT IS NOT KNOWN.

Officers of the Organization All Maintain Strict Silence About the Case, but It Is Known That Two Persons Are Involved in the Theft.

The Harmonie Club, probably the most select and exclusive organization of Jewish professional and business men in the country, is having its books examined to determine just how \$15,000 has vanished from its treasury.

Charles Gass, cashier of the club, has been strangely absent from his office for two weeks. His wife, in their home at No. 429 West Fifty-seventh street, said he was out of the city; she did not know where.

Alfred F. Hochstadter, President of the Harmonie Club, said to an Evening World reporter to-day:

"If we can find where Gass is we will cause his arrest. The investigation of the club's accounts shows that the shortage will amount to about \$15,000—no more than that."

Was Trusted Employee.

"It is simply a case of a trusted employee going wrong. But I would like to have it understood that no member or officer of the club is in any manner at fault. Gass was trusted implicitly. He had been a faithful employee of the club several years, and the treasurer believes he was warranted in accepting his word as to the condition of the club's accounts in the books and at the banks."

About a week ago, perhaps a few days before that, the first discovery was made. A member of the club asked for an accounting of his house account, and as Gass was not there at the time the treasurer went to the books. It so happened that that single account showed a shortage. He called the attention of the House Committee to the matter and the next day an investigation was begun. Gass then disappeared.

"The shortage will in no way seriously affect the club. Our new club-house at Sixth street and Fifth avenue will go on and," he laughed here, "I guess we will not have to borrow any money."

It is known that the money has been taken in the last two years and that probably two persons were involved. Both are said to have been employees and not members of the club.

Another man, the one who cashed checks for Gass, is being investigated, but he may be able to satisfy the officers of his innocence.

Believe Him Innocent.

Charles Gass's flat, in West Fifty-seventh street, is a model of neatness and shows the art of the housewife. But the wife was not there today. Her sixteen-year-old daughter, Florence, who answered the door, said her mother went away at 11 o'clock last night to avoid inquiries concerning her husband.

"We have heard all about papa," said the girl to a reporter, "but we do not believe it. We know papa has not taken anything which did not belong to him, because he always taught us not to. We do not know where he is, but we know that he is coming back as soon as he can prove that he is innocent."

"Mamma is awfully worried about which he has gone, and she said she told me—that he would come back just as soon as he was ready to prove that he is not guilty."

"Papa never spent much money. He did not speculate in stocks or on horse races and he always brought his money home to mamma. At least mamma and we children always had all the money we wanted."

"I was away to school when papa went away, but it was about two weeks ago. He told mamma to tell me that he would be back soon, so I am waiting for him."

Notice Sent to Members

Every member of the club received this notice from the House Committee: "Owing to the discovery of irregularities in the books of the club, the House Committee requests that you send at your earliest convenience a memorandum—accompanied by vouchers when possible—of all payments made to the club on account of dues or house accounts from July 1, 1901, to the present date. LEONARD V. SCHAEFER, Chairman."

It was found that all the members had paid their dues and house accounts and had been duly credited on the books. But the shortage was discovered when the bank accounts were investigated. It was found that the accounts received had not been deposited according to a club rule all accounts must be paid by check. The officers have discovered that these checks have not been deposited, but have found the medium through which they have been cashed and have learned by whom.

Half Million a Year.
In a half year it is said these accounts, handled by the cashier, will amount to \$500,000. The persons under suspicion were under bonds, but it is understood that the bonding company will be absolved, as the club had not investigated its books or ordered a trial balance struck in two years. Had a trial balance been taken every month, as the books are said to have called for, the shortage could have been discovered within the month.

N. Y. CENTRAL TO HAVE ELECTRIC POWER.

Motors to Displace Steam in Yards According to Agreement with the City.

At a meeting to-day of the directors of the New York Central and of the New York and Harlem Railroads the agreement with the city for the depression of the tracks in the Grand Central yards and for changes from the use of steam to electricity for motive power was approved.

The contract has been executed.

CALLED POISONER SHE ONLY SMILES

Mrs. Phares, on Trial Accused of Killing Her Husband, Listens Unmoved While Witness Describes His Death.

SHE GAVE HIM A POWDER.

So Says an Alleged Eye-Witness, the Dead Man's Friend, Explaining That It Had Been Prescribed by the Doctor.

(Special to The Evening World.)
MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., June 20.—When court opened to-day Mrs. Anna E. Phares, on trial charged with killing her husband, Albert Phares, by giving him strychnine, resumed her place by her counsel. She was smiling and seemed not the least worried.

Witness after witness took the stand and gave testimony, each sentence of which added a mesh to the net which the prosecution is slowly drawing around her, but each left her apparently unmoved.

She is a pretty woman, short of thirty years of age and she continued to smile and make suggestions to her lawyer while Henry Burr described how he watched her give her husband a powder which she declares was medicine, but which the State holds was strychnine.

"She went out of the sitting-room into the dining-room and kitchen and came back in a few minutes, holding some powders in a spoon," said Burr. "She told Al the powders were medicine. The Dr. Dubell had recommended to take. She said to Al: 'Dear Dubell says you must take these and that if they make you feel badly soon after you have taken them you must not mind. Keep on taking them any how.' Al took the dose. Pretty soon he began to complain, and said the powders were very bitter and that they made him feel very badly. He said he was afraid to take any more."

Raymond Wells, a druggist of Columbus, swore that on the 9th of March, the day Albert Phares died, Mrs. Phares entered his store and asked for strychnine. He told her he could not sell the poison without a physician's prescription. She replied that she wanted the poison to kill rats and that Dr. Dubell had told her that the druggist did not require a prescription if he knew it was for rats and if he was acquainted with the purchaser. Then the druggist consented to sell her the poison.

Wells swore that as he handed it to Mrs. Phares she jokingly asked, "Is that enough to kill a person?" To which he replied, "Yes, there's enough poison in that package to kill several persons. It is probable that Mrs. Phares will take the stand in her own defense and make a complete denial of the crime with which she is charged."

Samuel W. Bishop, of Wrightstown, who couples the seventh seal in the jury box, is an old friend of Mrs. Phares. He told her he could not sell the poison without a physician's prescription. Dr. George M. Berninger, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, testified that he found one-seventh of a grain of strychnine in the package which had been killed by the injection of strychnine taken from Dr. J. B. Abel, of Columbus, said Mrs. Phares called at his office on March 9 and told him her husband had taken her up for some medicine, as he was sick. She said he had been vomiting and that he had not asked him to call at the house and witness gave her tablets, which contained no strychnine. He did not give her any more.

Mrs. Phares then mentioned her wish to kill rats, and asked if she could get the poison without a prescription, and he told her what to say when she arrived at the drug store. Witness denied that he had given her strychnine, but he said he prescribed would make her husband sick. From his examination of the package he said that it was a case of strychnine poison.

After Dr. Richard H. Parsons, who made the autopsy, which failed to disclose the cause of death, and Dr. Horatio A. Hare, of Philadelphia, an expert in the results of poison, had testified, Mrs. George W. Phares, the mother of the dead man, was supported to the witness stand by her attorney, but she added nothing material to the evidence in the case.

Girl Bride Gets Divorce.

An interlocutory judgment of divorce granted by Justice Keogh to Mrs. Lillie Gaess, of Fifteenth avenue, in Bronx Borough, from her husband, Albert Henry Gaess, on the ground that she was not of age when she married, was filed in the County Court to-day. Mrs. Gaess was married in 1903, according to the evidence the plaintiff was only sixteen when married to Gaess on Jan. 20, 1903. The bride said her husband deserted her in January last.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ALMANAC FOR TO-DAY.
Sun rises—4:31; sets—7:55; Moon sets—11:19.

THE TIDES.
High Water. Low Water.
A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M.
Sandy Hook—12:18 — 6:11 6:38
Governor's Island—12:18 — 6:11 6:38
Hell Gate Ferry—2:11 — 7:43 8:10

PORT OF NEW YORK.

ARRIVED.

Rondam. Rotterdam.
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Alliance. Colon.
Grosvenor. Baltimore.
Calmar. Bremen.

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ANNA E. PHARES, ACCUSED OF POISONING HER HUSBAND.



COLUMBIA THE LEADER IN SPIN OFF NEWPORT.

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gannett shore. The Reliance, however, held off for nearly two minutes before she started after the old cup defender.

Meantime the Constitution, which had crossed the line on the port tack, gained somewhat on the other two, and although being to the leeward of Columbia, within five minutes after the start appeared to be in a position which would enable her to almost reach the older boat if her captain had tacked at that time. The boat, however, kept on for the Narragansett shore.

COLUMBIA IN THE LEAD.

At 11.52 the Columbia still seemed to be leading with Reliance a little to the windward of her, but half a mile astern and evidently second boat, while Constitution had dropped back somewhat and as seen from here was evidently the last boat in the race.

Ten minutes after the start the wind had increased to ten or twelve knots and there was every indication of a great contest before the day was over.

COLUMBIA'S WINDWARD WORK.

All the boats held over until well underneath the Narragansett shore, where they began a fierce fight for the windward berth. Tacks were made every two or three minutes, and half an hour after the start it looked as if the Columbia was still holding her lead on the Reliance, with the Constitution a short distance astern. Every once in a while Columbia would come down for the Reliance on the starboard tack, but just before reaching her the Reliance would tack under her bows and give her the benefit of considerable back wind from her big mainsail.

Up to this time the feature of the race was the Columbia's repetition of her able work in beating to windward and the inability of the Reliance to pull away from her. The Constitution also sailed better than yesterday, and at 12.20, as the boats were underneath Point Judith, it was hard to tell which had the leading position, although it looked as if the Columbia was in the best place.

SHAMROCKS IN A TRIAL SPIN HAS AN ACCIDENT.

HIGHLANDS OF NAVESINK, June 20.—The Erin passed a towline to Shamrock III. at 11.10 A. M. and left Sandy Hook Bay for outside. Four minutes later the tug Cruiser picked up Shamrock I. and headed for the Sandy Hook lightship.

At that hour the prospects for a satisfactory trial sail seemed favorable. While the yachts were under tow Sir Thomas sat on the afterdeck of the Erin chatting with friends. Among his guests was Senator Thomas Kearns, of Utah.

"He's a fine Irishman," Sir Thomas said, alluding to the Senator. "He has a Marlborough House, the finest home in the West, I'm told, and he calls it 'Paddy's Castle.' He's a typical Irishman."

Sir Thomas then talked of his plans. He looks with great anticipation of pleasure upon his visit to Newport to-morrow night, where he will get his first glimpse of Reliance on Thursday.

"She's the greatest racer that America ever produced," he said, "and I want to see her. I've been to Newport before and I know that I couldn't see her to better advantage anywhere else."

PRIZE FOR CHARLES BARR.

"I was not surprised at Columbia's showing in yesterday's race. Put Charles Barr aboard the old defender and there might be a different story to tell at the end of a race under the same conditions as yesterday. Of course, every one wanted to know all along how the new American would do in a good wind and a choppy sea."

"Mr. Morgan is one of the greatest amateur skippers in the United States. It's hard to beat him."

Sir Thomas said that by next week he expected fifteen sailmakers from Ratsey's English shop. They will be under the direction of George Ratsey, who runs the American branch of the concern at City Island.

"I could get sailmakers here," Sir Thomas said, "but I hardly think that would be proper."

The imported sailmakers will begin work immediately after their arrival to create as fine a fitting suit for the challenger as any English yacht has ever had.

At 11.35 Shamrock II. laws still in tow going through Gedney's Channel, while Shamrock I. was at the bend of the Hook. The wind was then south-west, with a velocity of five miles.

Later the accident occurred and the challenger was towed back.

Sir Thomas was very enthusiastic about Shamrock I.

"She's improved so much since her defeat," he said, "that I seriously thought of challenging with her again instead of building the third. She can beat Shamrock II. in every way. I talked with Builder Fife about it and he said it might reflect on Watson to challenge with the old boat, so I decided to build another one, and it's a flyer, sure."

"When Shamrock I. raced here before for the cup she was what you would call sick. Her mast bent like bamboo and she acted like a sick child. Nothing seemed to go right with her. I see now what the trouble was."

Never before has it been known on this side of the water that Sir Thomas thought so well of Shamrock I. that he thought of using her as the challenger this year.

It was said on good authority to-day that Sir Thomas had no intention of taking twenty tons of lead ballast out of the Shamrock, as had been reported.

LINN BRUCE HAD AN ODD ROMANCE

Man Who May Become Republican County Committee Chairman Figured in Love Affair That Made Him Known.

LOVED ONE; WED ANOTHER.

His Wedding Was Arranged with a Jersey City Girl, but Engagement Was Broken Off and He Married the Love of His Youth.

Authoritative announcement that M. Linn Bruce, a lawyer of No. 18 Wall street, is being favorably considered by President Roosevelt, Senator Platt and Gov. Odell for Chairman of the Republican County Committee in succession to Robert C. Morris, recalls an early romance in the lawyer's life which brought him prominently before the public.

Bruce was the son of a clergyman of the Reformed Church. His elder brother, Rev. William P. Bruce, followed the father's calling and became pastor of the Reformed Church in the fashionable Greenville section of Jersey City. After completing his law studies M. Linn Bruce made his home with his brother, though he maintained a law office in Manhattan.

He took an active interest in Hudson County politics and his ability as an orator brought him into prominence during several campaigns.

Engagement Is Announced.
Meanwhile he became attached to Miss Agnes Scott, a beautiful and accomplished young woman, who was the leading Sunday-school worker in his brother's congregation. Their engagement was announced and the wedding set for Thanksgiving Day, 1888.

Meanwhile legal business called Mr. Bruce to his old home at Andes, N. Y., where he obtained a divorce for a Mrs. Duncan Ballentine. She was the sister of Bruce's earliest sweetheart, from whom he had parted after a quarrel. The sweetheart had married a wealthy man, who died and left her a fortune. When Bruce learned that she was widowed, the old flame was rekindled in his heart, and he found that his love for his former sweetheart was stronger than the affection which he held for the young woman to whom he was betrothed.

Asked to Break Engagement.

Miss Scott had completed her trousseau and was visiting friends in Wilmington, Del., when she received a letter from her fiancé, only a month previous to their wedding day, announcing that he no longer loved her, as he thought he ought, and asking that she relieve him from his engagement. Miss Scott thought he was joking, but she returned to Jersey City and learned the truth from his lips.

Attends His Life.

He released him, though the sacrifice broke her heart. She went to her parents' home and brooded over her misfortune until the day set for her wedding, when she attempted her life. She fired four bullets into her left breast with a circle that had been covered by a silver dollar. Skillful surgeons saved her life, but they could not save her reason, and as he manifested symptoms of violence her relatives were forced to send her to a private asylum near Trenton, N. J. She raved constantly about her former lover, always declaring that he had acted for the best and was free from blame.

Five months later Bruce married Mrs. Lillian B. Knapp, of Andes, N. Y., his father acting as the officiating clergyman. The feeling against Bruce in Jersey City was so great that his brother, Rev. William Bruce, some time after the wedding gave up his pastorate and accepted a call to the Reformed Church at Rondout, N. Y.

Miss Scott in time recovered her reason and is now living with her mother in this city. Mr. Bruce resides at No. 175 West Ninety-fourth street.

Bruce Is Not Opposed.
Mr. Bruce was seen at his law office, No. 18 Wall street, to-day. He said: "I see I am having honors thrust upon me, but you may say for me that I am not considering the subject. Mind, don't put me in the position of declining, I am simply not considering the subject."

"It is true that I have as personal

friends the President, Senator Platt and Gov. Odell. I stamped the State with the Governor, Senator Dwyer and Joe Hedges last fall, but my only activity as a zealous Republican has been as a campaign speaker.

"I am a member of the Republican Club, West Side Republican Club and the Riverside Republican Club, but I have never been a member of any committee and have had no hand in the manipulation of the machinery of politics."

"I have never been a candidate for any office except for the appointment as United States District Judge last spring. I had the endorsement of thirty sitting judges and Senator Platt, a better and abler man, Judge Holt, was preferred by the President."

GOT KIDNEY FOR JOHN DOE STEW

William I. of the Eighteenth District, Is at Last Subpoenaed and Must Tell What He Knows About Dock Board.

William I. Kidney is in a stew. He has been subpoenaed to appear in John Doe proceedings before Justice Mayer and tell what he knows about the proceedings of the Tammany Dock Board under Mayor Van Wyck.

There was a lot of mystery about Kidney. His name appeared on the records of the Murphy Dock Board time after time, but when it came to finding him for the purposes of the John Doe investigation he was so elusive that the District-Attorney came to regard him as "a mythical person." He is by no means a mythical person.

He is president of the Steel Clad Reversible Broom Company, at No. 405 East Twenty-third street, just across First avenue from one of the saloons Tammany Leader Murphy used to own and a few blocks away from the Anawanda Club, the Tammany organization of the Eighteenth District. Three blocks down the street is the office of the New York Contracting and Trucking Company, of which Alderman Gaffney is President.

It is charged that whenever the New York Dock Board and Tammany Club desired any privileges Kidney was used as a blind to hide the connection of Gaffney with the lease, because Gaffney was then in the City Council. There is much information in Kidney, according to Assistant District Attorney Clarke.

The Secretary of the Steel Clad Reversible Broom Company is Philip Donohue, a well-known politician of the Eighteenth District—Mr. Murphy's disinterested friend. Donohue's shop at No. 405 Third avenue and owns public baths at One Hundred and Fifty-fifth street and the North River.

Subpoenas have been served also upon William H. Burke, who was Secretary of the Tammany Dock Board, and John J. Fleming, of the contracting firm of Brown & Fleming. They will be called upon to testify this afternoon.

MILLIONAIRE HAS TRAVELLING MANIA.

Commission Named for Arthur W. Talcott, of Rye, Who Is Now in Bloomingdale Asylum.

Judge John J. Creannan, of New Rochelle, representing Mrs. Henrietta E. Talcott, of Rye, mother of Arthur W. Talcott, a millionaire, who is now an inmate in Bloomingdale Asylum, filed papers in the Supreme Court at White Plains to-day for a commission in lunacy.

Justice McKogh appointed Charles H. Young, of New Rochelle; Sydney A. Wood, of Mount Vernon, and Dr. Dairymple.

According to the papers filed by Judge Creannan, Talcott has a travelling mania. Before he was sent to the asylum he travelled between New York and his home in a dozen times a day and made many trips to Maine to go on a fishing and hunting trip and hired guides, yet did not even take a gun or fishing tackle with him. At night he walked most of the time.

MANNING DISCREDITS BRITISH LOSS.

Commander Wires War Office that Deserters from Mad Mullah Deny Killing of Officers in Somaliland.

LONDON, June 20.—Gen. Manning, the British commander in Somaliland, East Africa, has telegraphed to the War Office discrediting the reports that several British officers are prisoners in the Mad Mullah's camp.

The General says deserters from the Mullah's forces deny the rumors.

SING HEY FOR THE ROOSEVELT GUARDS

The Irrepressible Townsend Will Organize Them to Offset the Oyster Bay Board of Trade's Coming Tribute to President.

CAN'T HELP "BUTTING IN."

"Morry" Says the "Plain People," Who Are Not "Clam-Diggers," as the Summer Residents Are Called, Must Have a Chance for Glory.

(Special to The Evening World.)
OYSTER BAY, L. I., June 20.—Oyster bay natives who proudly refer to themselves as "clam-diggers" are still engaged in internecine strife, and it's all about President Roosevelt's coming. The Board of Trade members are still jealous of Maurice Townsend's success in "butting in," as they term it, and taking the lion's share of the Roosevelt reception. The Board of Trade is composed largely of the wealthy summer residents who only sleep in Oyster Bay.

"I represent the plain people," Maurice Townsend declared.

"Morry certainly does," agrees "Sol" Townsend, his brother, who says his other brother, Assistant District-Attorney Bob Townsend "persecutes the criminals in New York. All the plain people are with Morry."

"Morry" Townsend is now trying to steal another victory from the Board of Trade. The Board of Trade is planning to give President Roosevelt a big reception in its rooms next week. This is to be an offset to Townsend's victory of Saturday. "Morry" Townsend knows he will not be invited to the reception.

He is not a member of the Board of Trade. Publicity is to Townsend what ice is to a polar bear in summer. He sees himself being thrown into the background should the Board of Trade be able to pull off its reception and not get him so offed.

He for the Roosevelt Guards.

"I haven't time to get up a rival reception," said Morry to-day, "but I'm going to organize the 'Roosevelt Guards.' What are they? Why, the guards will be composed of the most prominent citizens of Oyster Bay. Me? Oh, of course, I'll be a member. Ain't I a prominent citizen? So that the President will feel perfectly at home when he comes to wear white sombreroes, white gloves and blue uniforms. We'll escort the President on his trip about Long Island this summer. Yes, Board of Trade members can join, but of course they will have to take the lowest positions. I guess there will be two or three vacancies for waterboys. I don't bear any one ill will, but you bet we plain people are going to get what's coming to us."

Townsend thought of them only when he heard of the Board of Trade members' plan. At the moment the Roosevelt Guards he would naturally be given a high place at the reception as the commanding officer of the President's escort.

Wait Till November!

The Board of Trade members are not saying much, but they say they will be revenged when the November celebration comes around and "Morry" Townsend wants to go to the Assembly.

"We'll vote against it," say the Board of Trade members.

"What do I care," Morry answers. "Most of those fellows ain't voters any way. Some of them keep a residence here to avoid paying taxes elsewhere. They've got to vote, but I don't care if I get three from other quarters."

The natives are much interested in the fight between Townsend and the Board of Trade, and it is about the only topic among them at the Post-Office and grocery stores.

President to See Yacht Race.

The President is expected to witness one of the yacht races. He has promised Sir Thomas Lipton that he will see the race of Aug. 20 if he can possibly arrange to do so. The President is a great admirer of Sir Thomas because of his repeated attempts to "lift" him. He believes him to be a thorough sportsman.

The attendance of the President at the yacht races would make the most use of a social event than they are at present.

The President will go to Huntington, seven miles from Sagamore, still on July 4. He will make a short address and will then return here.

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